

5. (Amended) The quick release saddlebag system of claim 4, wherein the hole has a detent formed therein for receiving [a] the retractable projection from the pin.

7. (Amended) The quick release saddlebag system of claim 5, wherein the retractable projection comprises at least one ball extending outwardly from the pin.

8. (Amended) [The quick release saddlebag system of claim 1,] A quick release saddlebag system comprising:

a saddlebag for attachment to a motorcycle; and

a mounting structure for mounting the saddlebag to the motorcycle, the mounting structure comprising a mounting bolt and a mounting pin [wherein] the mounting pin [comprises] comprising a retaining ring and a flange.

16. (Amended) A quick release saddlebag system comprising:  
a bolt configured for mounting to a fender strut, the bolt having a head with a hole therein configured for receiving a mounting pin;

a mounting pin configured for nesting in the head of a bolt, the mounting pin having a retaining member for selectively securing the mounting pin in the head of the bolt and a release disposed on the mounting pin for selectively releasing the retaining member; and

a saddlebag disposed on the mounting pin.

Please cancel claim 19.

21. (Amended) [The saddlebag system of claim 16,] A quick release saddlebag system comprising:

a bolt configured for mounting to a fender strut, the bolt having a head with a hole therein configured for receiving a mounting pin;

a mounting pin configured for nesting in the head of a bolt, the mounting pin having a retaining member for selectively securing the mounting pin in the head of the bolt; and

further comprising a saddlebag frame, the saddlebag frame comprising an extension arm having a generally U-shaped attachment member for engaging a foot peg of a motorcycle, wherein the extension arm has an adjustable engagement with the generally U-shaped attachment member for thereby adjusting the length of extension arm.

Please cancel ~~claim~~ 22.

23. (Amended) A method for mounting a saddlebag on a motorcycle, the method comprising:  
attaching a mounting bolt having a hole therein configured to receive a mounting pin to the fender strut of the motorcycle, the hole having a detent formed therein and configured for receiving projections from a mounting pin;

selecting a mounting pin having at least one retractable projection and a saddlebag disposed thereon; and

inserting the mounting pin into the mounting bolt so that the at least one retractable projection of the mounting pin nests in the detent.

24. (Amended) The method according to claim 23, wherein the method comprises selecting a mounting bolt having a head with a hole formed therein and wherein the detent is an annular groove circumscribing the hole.

25. (Amended) The method according to claim 24, wherein the method comprises selecting a mounting pin wherein the at least one retractable projection of the mounting pin comprises a pair of spring loaded balls configured for nesting in the annular groove and a release button for releasing the balls.

26. (Amended) [The method according to claim 23,] A method for mounting a saddlebag on a motorcycle, the method comprising:

attaching a mounting bolt having a hole therein configured to receive a mounting pin to the fender strut of the motorcycle;

selecting a mounting pin having a saddlebag disposed thereon; and

inserting the mounting pin into the mounting bolt, wherein the method comprises securing the saddlebag on the mounting pin between a flange of the mounting pin and a retaining ring mounted on the mounting pin.

27. (Amended) [The method according to claim 23,] A method for mounting a saddlebag on a motorcycle, the method comprising:

attaching a mounting bolt having a hole therein configured to receive a mounting pin to the fender strut of the motorcycle;

selecting a mounting pin having a saddlebag disposed thereon; and

inserting the mounting pin into the mounting bolt, wherein the method comprises pressing a release button on the mounting pin to insert the mounting pin into the mounting bolt.

28. (Amended) [The method according to claim 23,] A method for mounting a saddlebag on a motorcycle, the method comprising:

attaching a mounting bolt having a hole therein configured to receive a mounting pin to the fender strut of the motorcycle;

selecting a mounting pin having a saddlebag disposed thereon; and

inserting the mounting pin into the mounting bolt, wherein the method comprises releasing the saddlebag from attachment to the mounting bolt by pressing a release button on the mounting pin.

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Please add new claim 31 as follows:

31. (New) A quick release saddlebag system comprising:

a saddlebag for attachment to a motorcycle; and

a mounting structure for mounting the saddlebag to the motorcycle, the mounting structure comprising a mounting bolt having a hole disposed therein, the hole having an annular groove therein for receiving a projection from a mounting pin and a mounting pin.